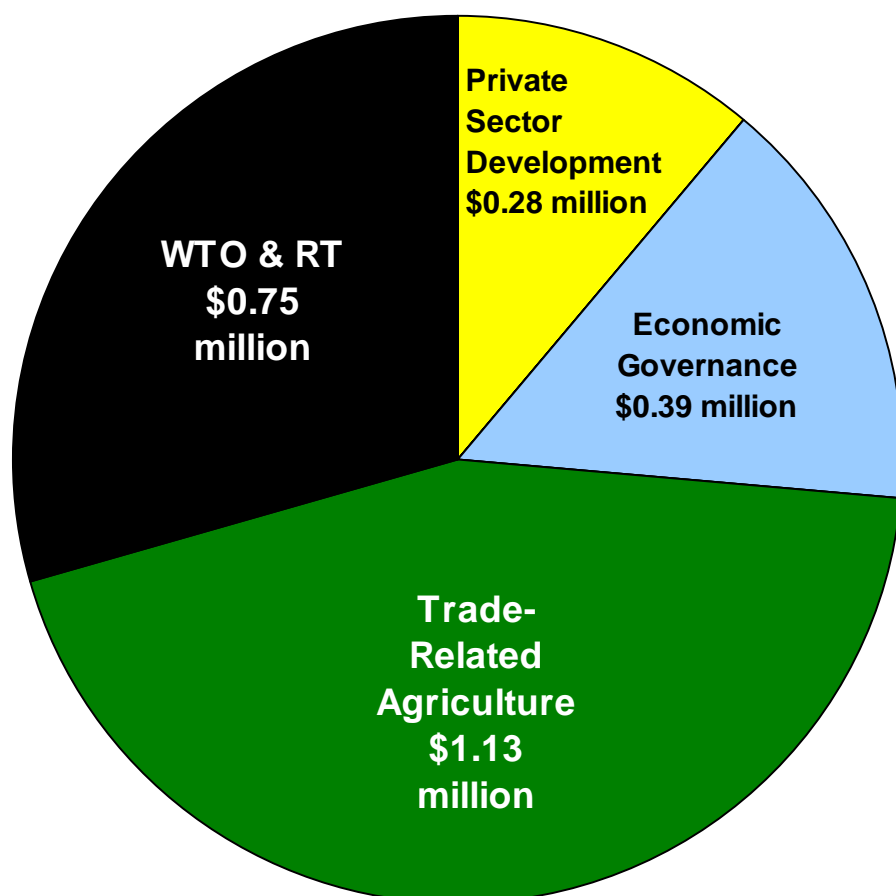


# United States Government Trade Capacity Building Assistance, 2001-2005

## Yemen

Since 2001, the United States Government has provided more than \$2.5 million in Trade Capacity Building (TCB) assistance to Yemen, funding a broad range of activities. Over the past five years, resources have been allocated in the following categories:



In addition to this bilateral assistance, Yemen also benefits from many of the regional programs focused on Asia and the Near East. Attached are Country Activity Reports detailing each activity undertaken by the United States Government from 2002 to 2005 for:

- Yemen
- Non-targeted Regional Programs in Asia and the Near East
- Non-targeted Regional Programs in the Middle East

### Additional Resources:

Trade Capacity Building Database: <http://gesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html>

USAID Yemen Information Page: [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia\\_near\\_east/countries/yemen/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/countries/yemen/)

USAID Asia and Near East Information Page: [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia\\_near\\_east/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/)

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**YEMEN**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Agriculture Support Program</b>	The Yemen Agricultural Support Project works within two intermediate results under the strategic objective: Expanded sustainable production of agricultural products for the market and home consumption and expanded markets for agricultural products. This project is being implemented by Associates in Rural Development (ARD). The objective of the project is to increase farmer incomes and improve nutrition levels of rural agricultural households in five target governorates. This is being accomplished with -- (a) support to the Ministry of Agriculture to improve service delivery to the rural areas (b) Strengthen agricultural markets for horticultural produce and livestock (c) Improve access to agricultural markets and inputs for small farmers and (d) Increase extension services to rural areas with emphasis on women in agriculture. Funded and implemented by USAID/Yemen.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Customs Valuation Reform - Yemen</b>	The objective of this project is to provide assistance to Yemen for the development of a customs valuation system that is in full compliance with the Customs Valuation Agreement of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This project will provide technical assistance to the Yemen Customs Authority to enable them to comply with WTO rules and regulations, train customs officials so that they can effectively implement the new laws and raise the awareness of the business community regarding the new laws and appeals procedures. Project implementation is being done in three phases: (1) drafting legislation, (2) law implementation and enforcement, and (3) monitoring and evaluation progress. Funded and implemented by USAID/Yemen.	Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	<b>250,000</b>
<b>Institutional Arrangements to Promote Trade</b>	This activity was undertaken to identify possibilities for institutional arrangements in Yemen that would assist in the country's analytic capacity to identify trade options and to promote non-petroleum exports in potential markets. A Trade Specialist was engaged to--(1) determine the feasibility of setting up institutional arrangements to support the overall objective (2) identify specific programs and projects that this institution could undertake over the next three to five years and (3) work closely with key international donors in Yemen to assure their buy-in to this project. Funded and implemented by USAID/Yemen.	Export Promotion	<b>73,000</b>
<b>Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Yemen</b>			<b>923,000</b>

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**YEMEN**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
<b>Agriculture Support Program</b>	The Agriculture Support Program will work within the first two intermediate results under the strategic objective: IR 7.1: Expanded sustainable production of agricultural products for the market and home consumption, and IR 7.2: Expanded markets for agricultural products. Based primarily on the Associate in Rural Development (ARD) assessment, USAID/Yemen has determined that the four priority areas for its agricultural support program are: (1) Support to the Ministry of Agriculture to Improve Service Delivery and Restructure, (2) Agriculture Research and Extension, (3) Horticulture Marketing, and (4) Livestock. Women's Services and Extension is a cross-cutting component. The agriculture program envisioned by USAID/Yemen will work at all levels to strengthen the agriculture sector in Yemen but with the overall goal of supporting small farmers in the five target governorates. Funded and implemented by USAID/Yemen.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Customs Valuation Reform</b>	The objective of this project is to develop customs valuation system that is in full compliance with the Customs Valuation Agreement of the World Trade Organization (WTO). As such, this project will provide technical assistance so that Yemen's Custom Law complies with the Customs Valuation Agreement of the WTO and will train customs officials so that they can effectively implement the new law and system. In addition, the project will help raise the business community awareness of the benefits of the new law, how to make use of it, and the appeal procedures. Project implementation will consist in three phases: (1) drafting legislation, (2) law implementation and enforcement, and (3) monitoring progress. Funded and implemented by USAID/Yemen.	Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Regulatory Reform</b>	This pilot project is designed to assist Yemen in streamlining regulatory procedures, lowering transactions costs and shortening approval delays. By streamlining the structure of government regulations, the largest beneficiaries will be small and medium establishments, which are the major contributors to employment generation and, thus, poverty reduction. A major determinant of investment climate is the government's regulatory framework. Recent evidence from Yemen shows that establishing a business entity, obtaining permits and approvals and connecting public utilities (electricity, water and telecommunications) take months. Besides that, businessmen incur substantial expenses in terms of official fees and unofficial payments. Additionally, capital requirements are considered severe by international standards. Funded and implemented by USAID/Yemen.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Yemen</b>			<b>1,300,000</b>

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
<b>Support for Integrated Framework Follow Up Activities</b>	This activity will assist the Yemeni government, private sector and civil society to build their capacity to participate effectively in international trade and trade negotiations. Specific activities will respond to priorities identified in the Diagnostic Trade Integration Study prepared for Yemen under the Integrated Framework for Trade Related Technical Assistance in Developing Countries. Initial activities are likely to focus on improving local capacity to analyze trade interests and the economic impact of trade policy decisions. Funded by USAID/Yemen and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	Export Promotion	90,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	120,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	90,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Yemen Cochran Fellowships</b>	United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Cochran Fellowship Program promotes global market-driven food systems through short-term agricultural marketing and agribusiness-related training in the United States. In 2003, five Yemeni government officials participated in food safety training. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>29,800</b>
<b>FY03 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Yemen</b>			<b>329,800</b>

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>HACCP Training in the West Bank and Gaza</b>	Two Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)/food safety seminars were carried out in Ramallah to address food safety shortfalls and provide local public, private, and academic sectors with tools to promote and implement better food safety in the West Bank. One hundred Palestinians attended the first seminar, all of whom gained a much greater understanding of the basics of food safety. By improving food safety standards within the region and in companies, and by creating and implementing HACCP plans, agricultural product quality improves and trade occurs more easily due to more harmonized standards and increased awareness of international standards. Sixty people attended the second seminar, focused specifically on meat and dairy HACCP plans and procedures. As a result, participants gleaned in-depth knowledge of the area in which they work most and were able to start writing and implementing HACCP plans in their own companies. Funded by USAID/West Bank & Gaza and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	<b>283,405</b>
<b>Middle East Partnership Initiative Commercial and Legal Reform Project</b>	The Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Programs (CLDP) Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) program supports legal and regulatory reform through a variety of activities designed to improve commercial laws, regulations, and practices. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	<b>3,900,000</b>
<b>Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Middle East, ns</b>			<b>4,183,405</b>

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
<b>Combating Child Labor Through Education in Lebanon and Yemen</b>	Provides capacity to governments to adhere to internationally recognized labor standards, including freedom from child labor, which is a requirement for receipt of U.S. trade benefits. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>8,000,000</b>
<b>Irrigation Management Information System</b>	Regional collaborative research with Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli scientists focused on more efficient water for orchard and vegetable crop production. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/ARS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>210,000</b>
<b>Lebanon Timebound &amp; Yemen Support to Combat the Worst Forms of Child Labor</b>	Provides capacity to governments to adhere to internationally recognized labor standards, including freedom from child labor, which is a requirement for receipt of U.S. trade benefits. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Total FY 04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Middle East NS</b>			<b>11,210,000</b>

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***MIDDLE EAST NS***

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
<b>Global Position System/GNSS Project for Middle East</b>	The purpose of this study is to establish a Middle East regional test bed that will facilitate research, development, acquisition, and implementation efforts of an operational air navigation system based on the adoption of U.S. global position system (GPS) technologies. In addition, the test bed will support a uniform implementation of GPS throughout the region and establish a regional cadre of technical expertise. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200310005B)	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>460,000</b>
<b>Oman Cochran Fellowships</b>	The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cochran Fellowship Program promotes global market-driven food systems through short-term agricultural marketing and agribusiness-related training in the United States. In 2003, one Omani government official participated in training on food safety. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>5,960</b>
<b>Standards in Trade Workshop</b>	The Standards in Trade Workshops are a major activity of the Global Standards and Information Group (GSIG) in the NIST Standards Services Division (SSD). The workshops are designed to provide timely information to foreign standards officials on U.S. practices in standards and conformity assessment. Participants are introduced to U.S. technology and principles in metrology, standards development and application, and conformity assessment systems. Specific workshop objectives are to: (1) familiarize participants with U.S. technology and practices in metrology, standardization, and conformity assessment; (2) describe and understand the roles of the U.S. government and the private sector in developing and implementing standards; and (3) develop professional contacts as a basis for strengthening technical ties and enhancing trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Commerce/NIST.	Agreement on TBTs	<b>45,000</b>
<b>Trainers and Advisors for Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) Program</b>	The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) are assisting Egypt to write a competition law that is consistent with sound economic thinking and internationally accepted legal norms. Activities to date have included providing detailed comments on a draft law and a one-week workshop to consult with the Egyptian drafters of the proposed law. Funded by Department of Commerce/CLDP and implemented by Federal Trade Commission/ITA.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>3,260</b>
<b>Total FY03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Middle East, ns</b>			<b>514,220</b>